



A PROCLAMATION,

Containing His MAJESTIES Grace and Favour to His Subjects in His Ancient Kingdom of
SCOTLAND.



CHARLES, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, to our Loyalites, King at Arms, and his Brethren Heralds, Macers, Pursuivants, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs, that part conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Governing: Forasmuch as the affection which We have to this Our Ancient Kingdom of Scotland, makes Us readily to embracall occasions, whereby We may witness Our zeal to do all things which may be for the advantage and ease of our good Subjects; And We being informed by Our right trusty and intirely beloved Cousin and Counsel, the Duke of Lauderdale, Our Commissioner, of some things which have been, and still are troublesome and burdensome to Our good Subjects of this Our Kingdom: We have thought fit as an Act of Our Royal Bountie, by Our Royal Authority, with advice of Our Privy Council, to Declare Our Royal Pleasure, for the ease and satisfaction of Our good Subjects in manner following.

First, We, with advice foresaid, Do hereby Statute and Enact, and accordingly do freely and absolutely discharge to Our Subjects all Rests of Assessments, Monethly maintenance, Loan and Tax, Levies, Out-reiks of Horse and Foot, Excise, tenth and twenty penny: And generally all Impositions whatsoever due, or imposed upon this Our Kingdom, any time before Our happy Restoration; excepting all sums of money already payed, or bonds given for money (which by Assignations may be conveyed through several hands) and all these Particulars above-mentioned, We, with Advice foresaid, do now discharge, notwithstanding of any Commission granted to Sir John Wemyss of Bogie, or any others for collecting them, or any of them.

We, in like manner, with Advice foresaid, Discharge all rests of the Taxation ordinary and extraordinary, granted to Our Royal Father of blessed memory, by the Parliament in the year of GOD, 1633. Comprehending therein the Taxation of two of ten Annual-rents, excepting all sums of money already payed, or bonds granted preceding the date hereof; And excepting all sums of money due by any person, payable for the relief of those who have made payment or given Bond. But in regard the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton, have a right to the Rests of the said Taxation, until they be of certein sum of money acclaimed, as yet regar ding to the Duke of Hamilton, and a Commission to satisfie the same: Grace and Favour intended hereby to time, to the Duke of Hamilton, of his court and reckoning of his intromission.

We do likewise, with advice foresaid, freely and absolutely discharge all such parts of the annuities of lands as were due to Us before our happy Restoration: And do suspend the charging for, the receiving or paying of any Annuity due of Lowdon make account (to any we shall appoint for that effect) of what he or his Father end We may then declare Our further pleasure, excepting alwayes from this all sums of money upon that Account, preceeding the date hereof: And this, notwithstanding of any Commission granted by Us to the Earl of Lowdon, for collecting of the saids Annuities.

We do also, with advice foresaid, freely and absolutely discharge all Fynes imposed by Us, such as are already payed, or such for which there is bond already given. It is alwayes the duty of the Collectors or Sub collectors from their several Entries in all or any of these particulars, thereof, are hereby excepted: And the saids Collectors, Sub-collectors, and others foresaid, are hereby declared, or others entrusted for uplifting the same, by a more careful observance and due obedience to Our Laws, from which nothing is to be derogate hereby as to their due observance in time coming. And to the end, That Our Royal clemency and bount to Our good Subjects, may be for their full security made known to them; Our Will is, and We charge you straitly and command, that incontinent, these Our Letters seen, ye passe to the Mercat Cross of Edinburgh, and the Market Crosses of all the other Royal Burroughs of this Our Kingdom, and other places needful And thereat, in Our Name and authority, with all due Solemnities, by open Proclamation, make publication of the Premises. The which to do We commit to you conjunctly and severally. Our full power by these Our Letters, delivering them by you duly execute and indorsed again to the Bearer. Given under Our Signet at Holy-rood-house the twenty fourth day of March, 1674. And of Our Reign the twenty sixth year.

And last, We for a further proof of Our affection to Our good Subjects of this Our Kingdom; Do, with advice foresaid, freely and absolutely grant a general pardon and discharge of all arbitrary and pecunial pains incurred by any of Our Subjects, before the date hereof through the contraveining of any Laws, penal Statutes, or publick Acts whatsoever; except such pecunial pains as are already inflicted Sentences of banisheing, or imprisonment or confinment, according alwayes, this pardon is not to be extended to any who were guilty of the Rebellion in the Year 1666. and are not admitted to the benefit of our Impnity, and to such as are guilty of capital Crimes. And We having given, as said is, so full proof of Our bounty and goodness, as of Our full pardon of all arbitrary and pecunial pains, extending even to these against Conventicles, withdrawing from assemblies, disorderly Baptisms and Marriages, We do expect, that this Our unparalleled grace and goodness will oblige all Our good Subjects, to express their due sense of and thankfulness for the same, by a more careful observance and due obedience to Our Laws, from which nothing is to be derogate hereby as to their due observance in time coming. And to the end, That Our Royal clemency and bount to Our good Subjects, may be for their full security made known to them; Our Will is, and We charge you straitly and command, that incontinent, these Our Letters seen, ye passe to the Mercat Cross of Edinburgh, and the Market Crosses of all the other Royal Burroughs of this Our Kingdom, and other places needful And thereat, in Our Name and authority, with all due Solemnities, by open Proclamation, make publication of the Premises. The which to do We commit to you conjunctly and severally. Our full power by these Our Letters, delivering them by you duly execute and indorsed again to the Bearer. Given under Our Signet at Holy-rood-house the twenty fourth day of March, 1674. And of Our Reign the twenty sixth year.

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God save the King.

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